

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
CIVIL CASE NO. 1:22-cv-00224-MR-WCM

GEORGE MITCHELL)
RHINEHARDT, JR.,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS)
AFFAIRS, MERRICK GARLAND,)
and DENA J. KING,)
Defendants.)

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss [Doc. 9] and the Magistrate Judge's Memorandum and Recommendation [Doc. 16] regarding the disposition of that motion.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and the standing Orders of Designation of this Court, the Honorable W. Carleton Metcalf, United States Magistrate Judge, was designated to consider the above-referenced motion and to submit a recommendation for its disposition.

On September 8, 2023, the Magistrate Judge filed a Memorandum and Recommendation in this case containing conclusions of law in support of a recommendation regarding the pending motion. [Doc. 16]. The parties were

advised that any objections to the Magistrate Judge's Memorandum and Recommendation were to be filed in writing within fourteen (14) days of service. The period within which to file objections has now expired, and no written objections to the Memorandum and Recommendation have been filed.

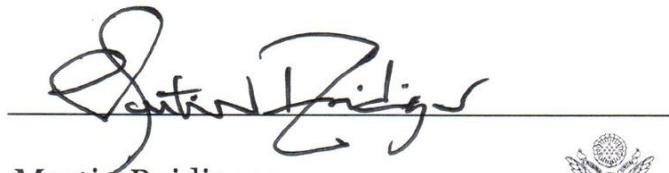
After a careful review of the Magistrate Judge's Recommendation, the Court finds that the proposed conclusions of law are consistent with current case law. Accordingly, the Court hereby accepts the Magistrate Judge's recommendation regarding the pending motion.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Memorandum and Recommendation [Doc. 16] is **ACCEPTED**; the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss [Doc. 9] is **GRANTED**; and the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully instructed to terminate this civil action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: September 26, 2023



Martin Reidinger
Chief United States District Judge

